

Southern California Water Committee Stormwater Capture Opportunities Paper

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Introduction to SCWC

- Established in 1984
- Non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to education & outreach on water issues
- Regional leader on water policy
- Spans Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, San Bernardino, Imperial, Riverside, Ventura & Kern Counties
- Regional base; statewide influence





Diverse & Influential Members

- 200 members:
 - Business
 - Local government
 - Water agencies
 - Agriculture
 - Environmental
 - Labor
 - General public
- Unique water policy group representing such diverse interests



Stormwater Task Force



- ❖ Background on SCWC Stormwater Task Force
- ❖ Summary of Issue Paper
- ❖ Workshop on June 28 at MWD
- ❖ Development of Data Base on Stormwater Projects in So. Calif.

Background



- ❖ Focus- So. Cal MS4
Permits and opportunities to
conserve stormwater
- ❖ Purpose- Evaluate for
stormwater capture/recharge
or water supply opportunities
- ❖ Relevant state policies
 - State Board's Strategic Plan
Update 2008-2012
 - State Board's 2009 Recycled
Water Policy
 - Delta Stewardship Plan

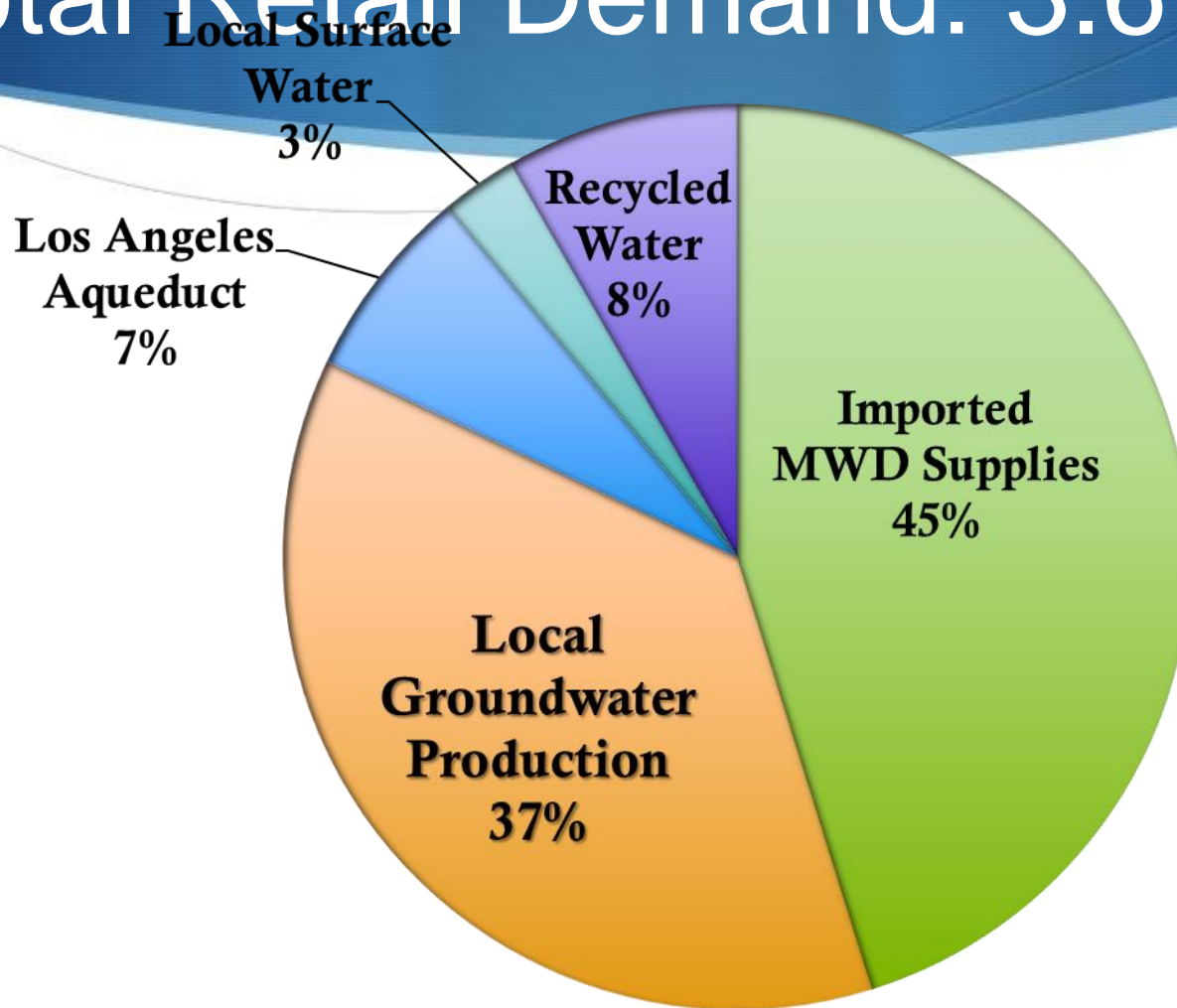
Stormwater Paper

- ❖ MS 4 permits offer opportunity for integrated watershed management approach.
- ❖ Recognize need to protect groundwater & water supply.
- ❖ Need to encourage watershed specific solutions based on existing infrastructure and local geology to recharge groundwater



CY 2010 Service Area Water Supplies

Total Retail Demand: 3.6 MAF



A map of Southern California showing various water basins color-coded to match the table. The basins are: Northwest MWD Service Area Basins (dark green), San Fernando Valley Basins (blue), LA County Coastal Plain Basins (light green), San Gabriel Valley Basins (orange), Orange County Basins (red), Inland Empire Basins (yellow), Eastside MWD Service Area Basins (cyan), and San Diego County Basins (magenta). The map also shows the coastline, major rivers, and topographic features.

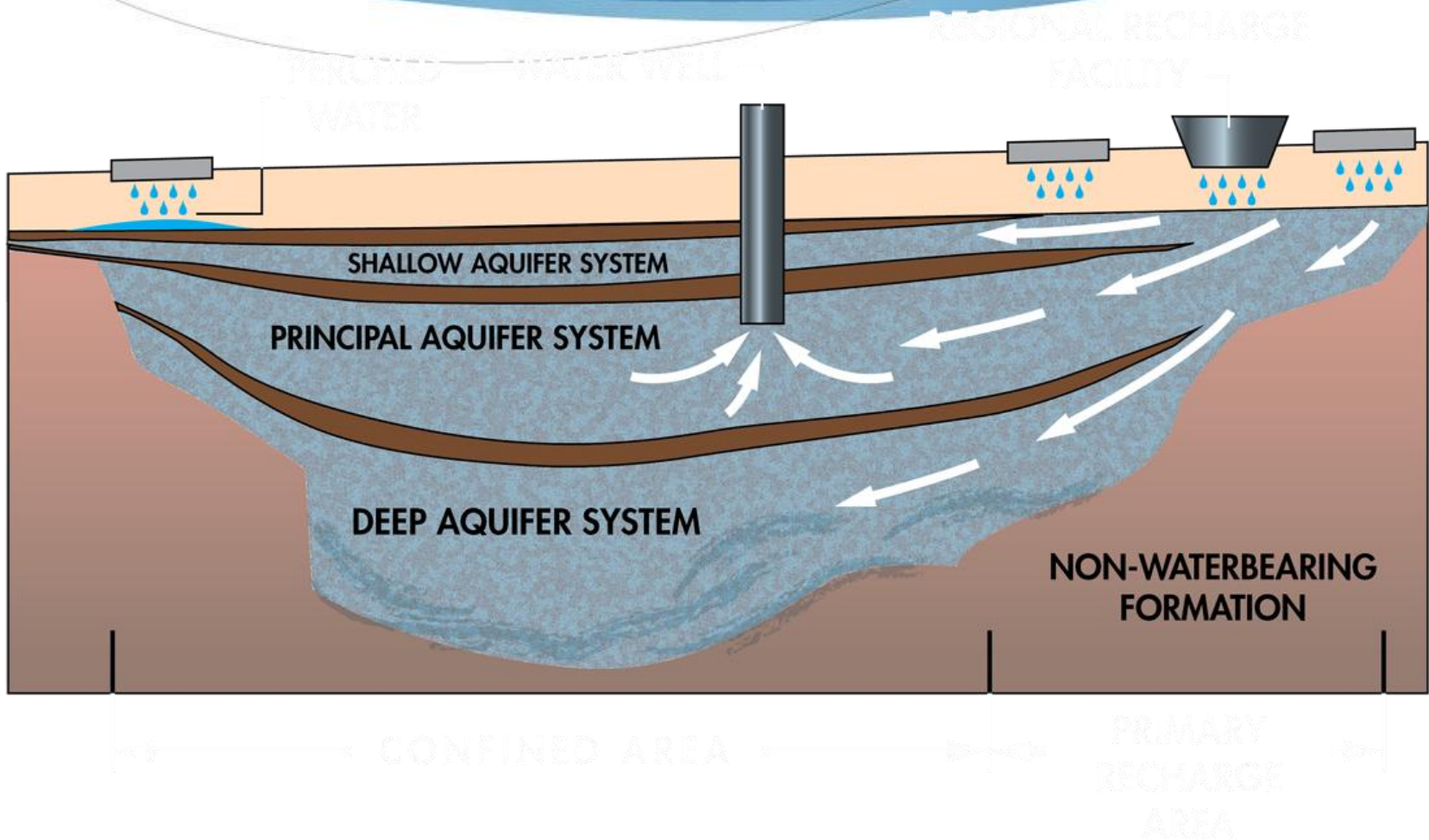
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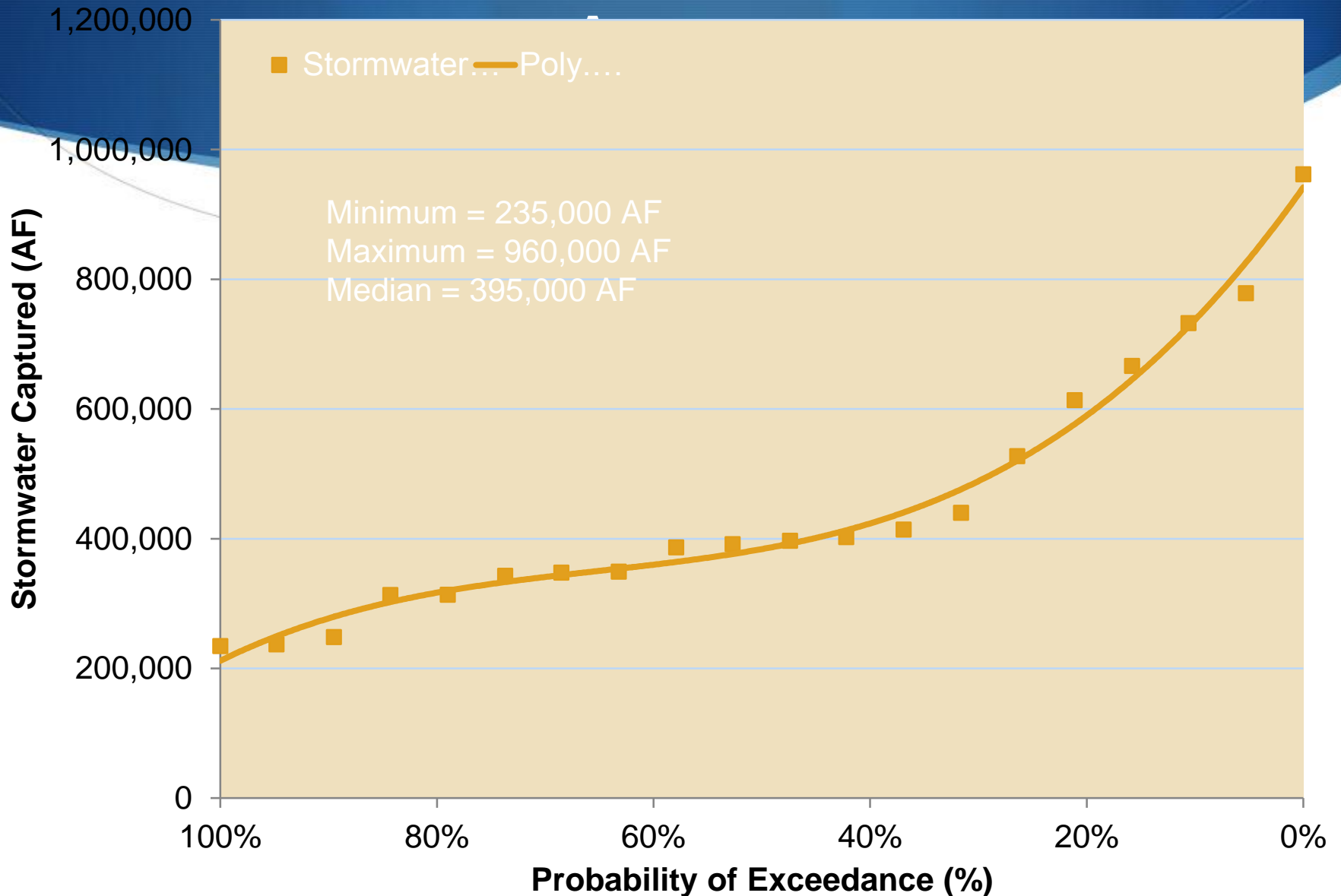
Northwest MWD Service Area Basins	NA
San Fernando Valley Basins	510,000
LA County Coastal Plain Basins	484,300
San Gabriel Valley Basins	353,000
Orange County Basins	218,000
Inland Empire Basins	500,000
Eastside MWD Service Area Basins	600,000
San Diego County Basins	NA

Deep Percolation of Stormwater

source: SCWC Stormwater White Paper



Stormwater Capture in MWD



SCWC Stormwater Workshop

Workshop on June 28

110 participants from
throughout the region plus
experts from federal agencies
and State

Technical papers on regional
and LID stormwater capture
project data

Economic and Financing
Issues addressed

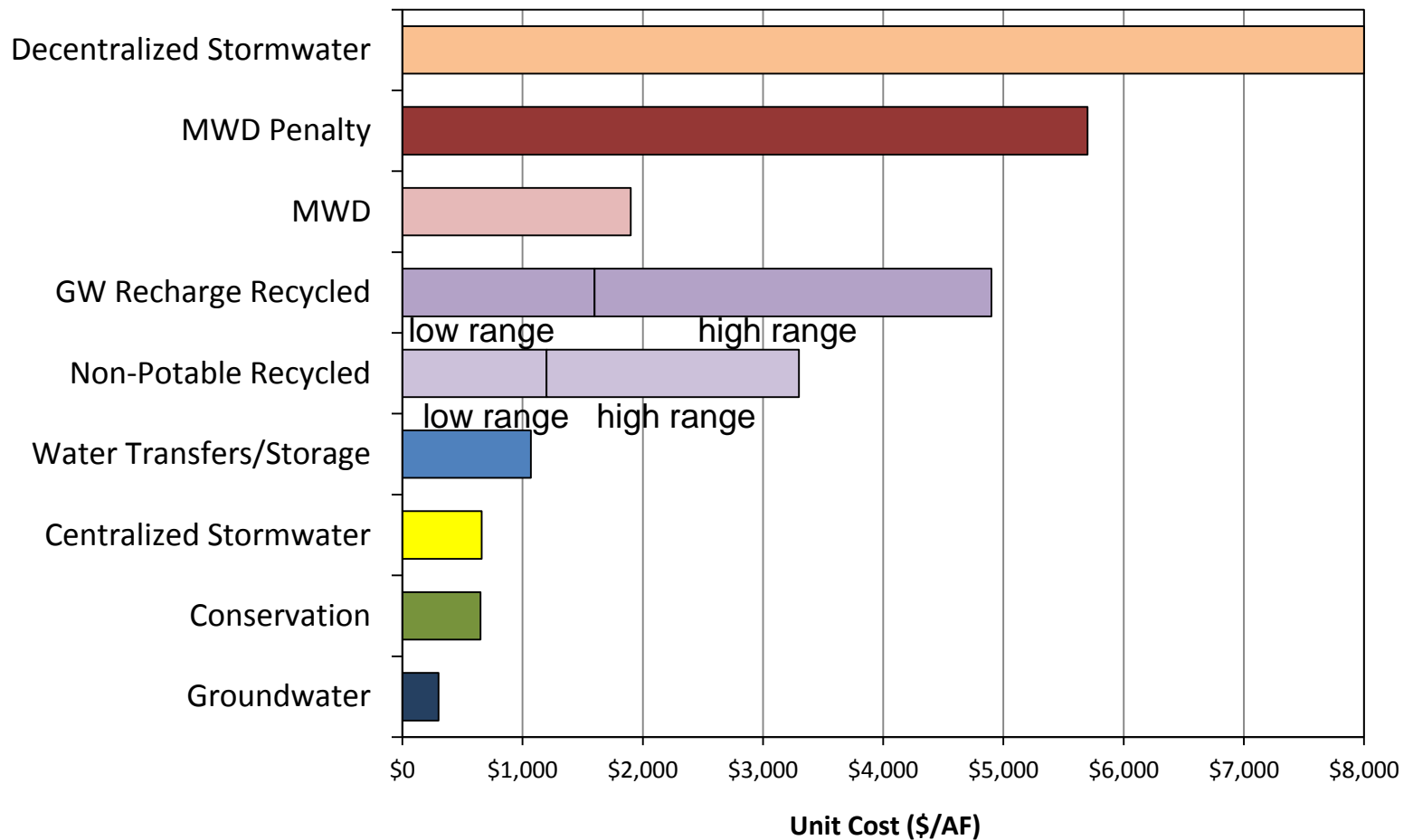
Summary of IRP Options

Option Category	Benefits					
	Drought Proof	Climate Change	Basin WQ	20x2020 Goal	Flexible	TMDL Benefits
Groundwater Recharge of Recycled Water	●	●	●	●	○	○
Non-Potable Recycled Water	◐	●	○	●	◐	○
Centralized Stormwater	●	◐	●	○	●	●
Decentralized Stormwater	◐	◐	○	○	◐	●
Water Transfers/GW Storage	◐	◐	◐	○	●	○
MWD Imported Water	○	○	◐	○	●	○
New Water Conservation	●	●	○	●	◐	○

- – Strong benefit
- ◐ – Moderate benefit
- – Little to no benefit



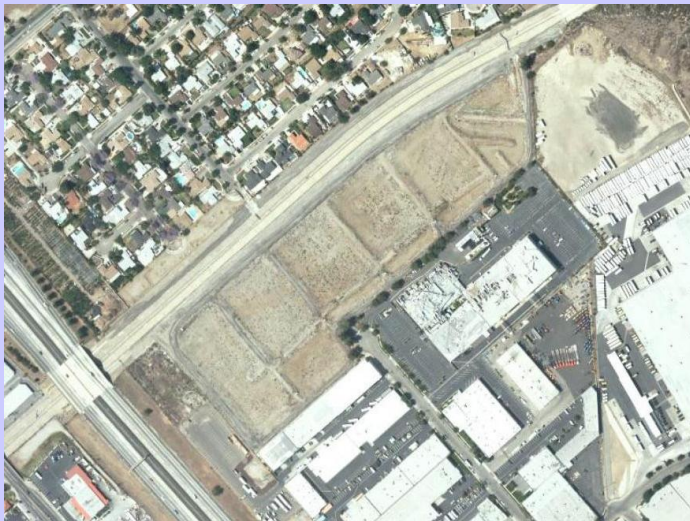
Projected Unit Cost of IRP Options



Large Scale Projects

Pacoima Spreading Grounds Project

- LACFCD/LADWP Project.
- Estimated cost \$32 million.
- Increased recharge by 2,000 acre-feet annually.
- Designs expected in late 2012.



Lopez Spreading Grounds Project

- LACFCD/LADWP Project.
- Increased recharge by 750 acre-feet annually.
- Designs expected in 2013.
- Estimated cost \$8 million.

Small Scale Projects



Whitnall Highway Power Line Easement Project

- LADWP Project.
- Conceptual plan being developed.
- Project expected to increase groundwater recharge by more than 110 acre-feet per year.
- Goal is to capture and infiltrate stormwater beneath LADWP power lines using swales and ponds.
- Designs expected in 2013.

Inventory of Stormwater Projects in So. Calif.

- ◆ Collaborating with agencies and key stakeholders throughout the region
- ◆ Developing a database on LID and regional stormwater projects (built or planned) throughout the region
- ◆ Using IRWMPs and other planning studies to develop regional assessment of potential stormwater capture
- ◆ Complete by December 2012 (web page: www.socalwater.org)

Conclusions & Recommendation

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- ❖ Need for ongoing technical dialogue on regional and LID coordinated stormwater MS4 and supply strategies
- ❖ Take advantage of Army Corps of Engineers dams and other facilities
- ❖ Continue the ongoing collaborative dialogue with Regional Boards, SWRCB and EPA on strategies to conserve and capture stormwater

